

COMMON THREADS

TUCKER COMMUNITY FOUNDATION NEWS, NOTES AND NONSUCH

WINTER 2012-13

Benedum Support Fuels Food and Farm Project

The Foundation received a \$75,000 grant from the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation to establish a *Potomac Highlands Food and Farm Initiative* (PHFFI); a multifaceted approach to promote and enhance the regional food and farm economy.

The community and economic development grant is the culmination of a year of collaborative planning that involved a number of stakeholders who played a key role in helping Foundation staff promote Tucker County as the base of operations for the initiative. The process for hiring a full-time project coordinator is underway. PHFFI will operate from Run For It Headquarters in Davis.

The Benedum Foundation has served West Virginia and Southwestern Pennsylvania since 1944 encouraging human development through Education, Economic Development, Health and Human Services, and Community Development in the region.

**Special thanks to Lesley Suppes, Jessica Scowcroft, Bill Smith, David Downs, Anne Jones and Kyle Weaner for their efforts on behalf of the initiative.*



After a luncheon provided by Laurie Little of White Grass Café, Hellbender's Burritos, TipTop, and Sirianni's Café, Mary Hunt-Lieving (L), Senior Program Officer for the Benedum Foundation toured the Tucker County High School greenhouse project. Jennifer Poling, TC Extension Agent reported on the Farm-to-School program while Jay Hamric, TCHS Principal and Terry Hauser (R), Ag-Ed teacher shared examples of the program's success.

Quilt Contest Announced

TCF recently announced a **Logo Quilt Contest** for quilters who are interested in showcasing their talent.



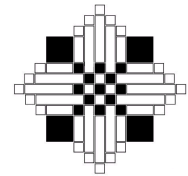
Joel Wolpert of Belington designed and crafted this logo from reclaimed maple and black walnut.

To enter the contest, submit your name, address and telephone number to dianehtcf@frontiernet.net before **Jan 2**. Quilted logos mounted for presentation should be turned in at Run For It Headquarters in Davis or the main TCF office in Parsons by **March 1**. The display should measure no less than 12" x 12" and no more than 24" x 24". Entries will be judged on workmanship and showmanship.

Entries will be displayed at the Run For It Headquarters the month of March and winners will be announced before April 1. Judges will award 50/50 cash prizes to the top 3 quilters, 50% to the quilter, 50% to the winner's favorite community cause/charity.

First place wins \$100/\$100, 2nd place \$75/\$75 and 3rd place \$50/\$50. Entries will become property of the Foundation.

"Like a quilt, our logo represents the fabric of our communities: diversity, sharing, **common threads** . . . a strong center leading to unending opportunities." TCF Board of Directors



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Trick or Treat?

Storm Sandy dumped more than three feet of snow on the region, making trick-or-treat impossible and causing extensive tree damage that wreaked havoc with travel, power and phone lines.

An alphabet soup of responders - including OEM, EMS, DOH, VFD, FEMA - joined forces with tree cutting crews and utility linemen from all over the map, and *more-than-many* volunteers



(local and otherwise) for the monumental task of getting the region back to normal.

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Challenges resulting from the storm demonstrated the resourcefulness of many and, as evidenced above, inspired the creative efforts of others;. Among them were shelter workers who managed to feed thousands and house hundreds of people with limited local resources supplemented by Red Cross and FEMA.

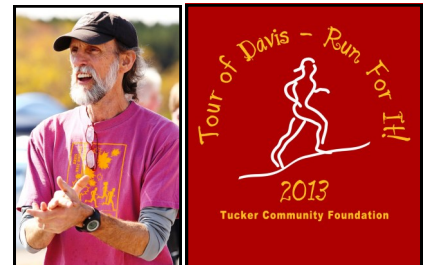
A number of items are needed to re-stock area shelters in the event of another major weather incident or disaster. If you would like to donate to our Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), mail checks (made out to **TCF- LEPC**) to PO Box 491, Parsons, WV 26287.

Future Events

Calendar:

- Jan 2 Deadline to register for Quilt Contest
- Feb 1 Scholarship Applications available
- Mar 1 Logo Quilt Contest entries due
- April 1 Run For It Event Packet Available
- April 5 Scholarship Applications Due

Racer Ready?



Dan Lebnann - 5k Race Official

Run For it 2013
Saturday Sept. 28

Preston Community Fund By Dr. David Moran

The Tucker Community Foundation is extending our service area every year. This is one of the major signs of healthy growth of our Foundation. One of the best ways to encourage that growth is through the development of Community Funds in specific regions of our service area.

The Preston Community Fund was initiated in 2011 to serve the specific needs of the Preston (County-Wide-Area) Community. The Tucker Community Foundation is matching donations to the Preston Community Fund "Dollar-for-Dollar" up to \$5000 in order to establish the Preston Community Fund.

This generous contribution approved by the Board of Directors of the Tucker Foundation means that the Preston Fund can grow twice as fast as possible and start to serve the Preston Community needs more quickly. The matching challenge is approved until the first day of 2015.

When the Preston Fund reaches its critical level of \$10,000, the Foundation will begin to approve grants to benefit the charitable needs of the Preston Community. These could include grants for specific economic developments, support for new educational needs

in the area, contributions to charitable needs of the citizens, development of new programs to enhance the attractiveness of the area, encouragement and support for library or health services and the many other need of the community.

The needs of the area are identified and chosen by an Advisory Committee of members from the Preston Community. These community representatives serve as a forum to help select the projects that the Fund should support and to form the backbone for the continued building of the Preston Fund. The Foundation selects these people to represent their interests and to encourage the continued building of the fund.

The Preston Community Fund is established and well underway in its challenge to build a full and lasting community fund for the benefit of all people in this geographical and culturally aligned area of West Virginia.

The Foundation is in full support of the Preston Community Fund and of any other similar Fund that could benefit our greater community of West Virginians. The future of our State rests in our hands, in the hands of our communities and the hands of our Foundation resources. Let us always remember that our future as West Virginians is what we make it ... not what others decide for us.

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The Preston Community Fund
A gift that keeps on giving

*Make a donation in memory or honor of a loved one and Tucker Community Foundation will match donations \$1 for \$1**

The Preston Community Fund is an unrestricted endowed fund that provides support for nonprofits, community and economic development, educational services and other charitable causes in Preston County. Once the fund is established, it can also provide scholarship awards for Preston County students.

- Donations in memory or honor of a loved one will be acknowledged accordingly.
- The original donation is invested for growth. Only the income earned is distributed. The fund is forever.
- When the fund reaches \$10,000 a committee of Preston County residents will recommend grant and scholarship awards.
- Donations are tax-deductible.

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as of 11.01.12



Mail checks to TCF-PCF
P.O. Box 491, Parsons, WV 26287
**\$5,000 limit*

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Creating opportunities for the communities we serve
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I Ran For It

By Ben Wiercinski

My first “Run For It” was an unforgettable experience, never could I imagine when I first saw Davis that I would be running through its streets with a group nearly twice the size of the town’s population. The day started off with crisp fall air and a synchronized chaos foreshadowing the excitement to come. I started to realize how big of an event “Run For It” and the whole of Leaf Peepers was as everyone started to organize themselves into teams. After the parade of teams everyone rushed to the starting line to try and secure a place in the front. I did not realize the importance of this pre-race dash and consequently spent the first half mile dodging little kids who beat me to the start. Throughout the race runners and spectators offer either encouragement or more likely trash talk as you punish your body going up the hills of Davis. When you pass the Shop’N’Save and enter into the home stretch you are greeted by cheers by all those who arrived early for the music, crafts and other fun. The race was a great success and I would like to thank everyone at our neighboring office, the Tucker Community Foundation’s Run For It office, for creating an amazing event.



Ben Wiercinski, (center circle)
AmeriCorps VISTA for Friends of Blackwater
and Team NorthFork captain

Race Sponsor Support Grows

The 2012 Award Purse fueled the largest race since the program began in 2007. As result, \$106,879 was distributed to regional non-profits, projects and charities. The Foundation dedicated \$10,000 to seed the award purse and Race Sponsors added more than \$28,000! Race Sponsors deserve special recognition for their strong support of the program:

Kep & Alice Smith Trust
Tucker County Commission
Shell Wind Energy
Dominion Power
St. George Medical Clinic
Mettiki Coal
Western Pocahontas Properties LP
Canaan Valley Resort
Run Jeb, Run!
Kingsford Manufacturing
Davis Health System
Wendy's of N. Central WV
Green Rivers
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Mountain Valley Bank
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Community Care Pharmacy
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Garrett College
Tombllyn Funeral Home
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Davis Dental
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Hinkle Funeral Home
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Best of Canaan
Summerfield Funeral Home
The Republican Newspaper
Davis High Valley Realty
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Endowed Fund Donor Activity: July 15 - Nov 30

AREA FUNDS

Preston Community Fund
David Moran in memory of Joyce Colbert
Mountain Lions Club

ARTS

Carl Delsignore Fund
History of Tucker County by Cleta Long book proceeds
Garrett James "Dutch" Easton Fund
Fresh Canvas team members and race sponsors

ANIMAL WELFARE

Mountaineer Humane Society Fund*
Cruisin' Critters team members and sponsors

CHURCH FUNDS

Denver & Ethel Raines Smith Memorial Fund
St. Paul's UMC in memory of
Denver & Ethel Raines Smith

COMMUNITY BASED FUNDS

Sarah Thompson Kaemmerling Fund
Run For It donations

EDUCATION

John P. & Sarah Catherine Swartz Fund
John & Melanie Richard
Dehari Fund
2 Anonymous Donors

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Donaldson - Corey Fund
Deerfield 74 team members and race sponsors
Capt. Karl Patrik Youngblood Memorial Fund
Run For It sponsor donation

GENERAL CHARITABLE PURPOSES

George & Mariwyn Smith Fund
Diane Hinkle in honor of Mariwyn's birthday
Mariwyn Smith - Birthday Club donation
TCF - birthday club match
Louise & Jim Cooper, Jr. Family Fund
Run For It sponsor donation
Philip Warken Fund
The estate of Philip Warken
Thompson Family Fund
John & Melanie Richard
Woody F. Nestor Memorial Fund
St. George UMC Women

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Harold & Ruth Shaffer Mountain Hospice Fund
Mountain Hospice team members and sponsors
Billie G. Armstrong Fund
Central WV Center for Pregnancy Care
team members and sponsors

HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Davis Cemetery Fund
Margaret Siembieda in memory of
Alice, Joseph & Michael Fortini
Buddy & Elisabeth Harmon
Tucker County Veterans Memorial Fund
Buddy & Elisabeth Harmon

LIBRARIES & LITERACY PROGRAMS

McClain Fund
Five Rivers Library E-Xplorers
team members and sponsors
Mariwyn Smith's *Recipe Book* proceeds
Mt. Top Library Fund
Mountaintop Readers team members
and sponsors
Howard & Carol Wiles
Pioneer Memorial Public Library Fund
Team Pioneer team members and sponsors

PARKS & RECREATION

C. W. Pell Fund
John & Melanie Richard

SCHOLARSHIP

Pass Through Donation
J. Richard Hanlon
Doug & Betty Preble Scholarship fund
Run For It sponsor donation
Dr. Mary Alice Klein Scholarship Fund
Jennifer Klein in memory on the 10th anniversary
of Dr. Kleins death
Shirley & Frank Perozziello in memory
Joseph R. Steffl Scholarship
Julie Steffl in memory
Richard & Shirley Steffl in memory
John and Linda in memory
Joyce Colbert Veterinary Scholarship Fund
Mountain Lions Club
David t. & Darlene J. Terlizzi

Margaret Ann & James A. Grafton Fund
James E. & Marie Ann Grafton

Walter & Mary Shaffer Helmick Scholarship
David R. Stanton, Jr.

TCF OPERATIONS

Old Ridge Runner Fund
The Old Ridge Runner by Herman Hebb
book sale proceeds

YOUTH

Falling Green Fund
Mark Ford & Jane Rodrigue
Ridge Runners team members and sponsors
P.J. Zickefoose Fund
John & Melanie Richard
Thomas P. Patrick, DDS Fund
Run For It sponsor donation
Michael Martin for Uncle Sam's Birthday Party
in memory of Tom Patrick

UNRESTRICTED

Directors' General Fund
Run For It donations
Carol & Steve Schimpff for Uncle Sam's
H. Dailey & Belva Shaffer Martin Fund
Nola DeVilder in memory of Dr. Frank Martin
Frank & Miriam Martin
in memory of Dr. Frank Martin

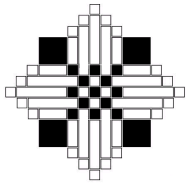
Other:

FUSS Grant Match
St. George Medical Clinic
Uncle Sam's Birthday Party
Table Reservation Donations
Mountaintop Realty
Thomas P. Patrick, DDS Fund
Jim & Loretta Cooper, III
Louise & Jim Cooper, Jr. Family Fund
Roscoe & Diane Beall - James D. Jordan Fund
Davis Car Wash - Lindsey & Addie B. Reed
Scholarship Fund
Sheila DeVilder
H. Dailey & Belva Shaffer Martin Fund
McClain Printing Company - McClain Fund
Rachelle Davis - Mt. Top Library Fund
Robert & Marcia Lemon - Mt. Top Library Fund
Milan Nypl - Thomas P. Patrick, DDS Fund
Sam & Amy Goughnour
Doug & Betty Preble Scholarship Fund

Planned Giving

Sharon Cooper Hott (1930 - 2011) bequeathed more than \$10,000 to the **McNeely Cemetery Fund**. Her mother, Evelyn Swartz Cooper, five of her mother's siblings, and grandparents, John and Sarah Swartz are buried in the Tucker County cemetery that borders the communities of Hambleton and Hendricks. Hott is a first cousin of founding member and president of Tucker Community Foundation (1988- 1994), **Sarah Minear**.





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Recent Grant Awards

Fall Grants: Competitive grants totaling \$62,825 were awarded to a variety of projects and programs. To view the complete list of grant awards visit the Grants tab at www.tuckerfoundaton.net. Endowed funds, unrestricted income, and pass-through donations provided funding for the grants.

Challenge Grants: A \$2,500 challenge grant was awarded to Highland Adventist School in Randolph County for an educational greenhouse project. They have a period of one year to raise the additional \$2,500. Our congratulations to the Davis Volunteer Fire Department, Tygart Valley High School Band Auxiliary and Quad County Young Life for meeting the terms of their 2011 challenge grants.

Mini Grants: The popular mini-grant program for projects needing \$500 or less recently provided awards to the Tucker County Chamber of Commerce (\$500) for a new event at the Leaf Peeper Festival, Quad County Young Life (\$400) for a new mobile sound system and the Preston County Arts Center (\$240) for event chairs. A \$500 mini-grant issued earlier this year helped fund a successful Community Children's Garden project in Thomas.

**Wishing you a Happy Holiday Season and a
New Year of health, happiness and prosperity**
The staff and Board of Directors of Tucker Community Foundation

You can help
*create opportunities for the
communities we serve*

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